

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)	Confirmation No.: 5156
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)	Kenneth Thompson
Application Serial No. 10/554,071)	
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Int. Appln No.: PCT/EP2004/050549)	
Intl. Filing Date: 16 April 2004)	
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EXPANDER SYSTEM FOR STEPWISE)	
<u>EXPANSION OF A TUBULAR ELEMENT</u>)	January 21, 2008

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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 19, 2007
AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

In response to the Office Action mailed May 7, 2007, Applicants present the following amendments and remarks and request reconsideration of the application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

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